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The combination of Cui and Brand fails to establish a case for obviousness. No *specific* motivation to make the combination of references is provided in the art and there was, prior to Applicants' invention, no expectation for a successful glucose nanosensor. The rejection completely fails to state a case for obviousness and must be withdrawn.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

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## Attachments:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 2 months;
- 2) A transmittal sheet;
- 3) A fee transmittal sheet;
- 4) A receipt indication postcard.

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